THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) No, Sir, there has been no such incident during June, 1996.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Blood Bank

3874. DR. M.P. JAISWAL:
SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to exempt the collection and supply of blood from schedule K of the Drugs and Cosmetics (Amendment) Rules, 1992;

(b) whether any provision has been proposed to be made to legalise the collection/supply of blood in emergent cases requiring blood transfusion, etc.;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have received any representations from State Governments for issue of licences for blood banks during 1996;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to issue licences to applicants from various States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (c). No, Sir. The subject of blood collection and supply has to be licenced, controlled and monitored under law.

The need to streamline and simplify blood collection and supply is fully recognized and different measures are taken from time to time which do not impinge on quality control.

(d) and (e). Representations have been received from the Governments of Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka seeking reversion to the old system of licensing blood banks by the State Authorities. Under the Rules, the Licensing Authorities have the discretionary powers to relax the requirement of space, equipments and supplies required for the blood banks provided such relaxation does not affect the quality of blood collection, its testing and processing.

(f) Of the 475 applications received upto 28th August, 1996, for grant or renewal of licences of blood banks, 311 were approved and discrepancies in respect of the remaining applications were pointed out and sent back to the concerned States.

[Translation]

Assistance to Private Organisations for Family Welfare

3875. VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the assistance released to the private organisations for family welfare programmes during the last three years;

(b) whether the assistance provided by the Government has been utilised properly for the required purpose; and

(c) if not, the details of organisations, the functions of which were physically verified by the Government to ensure the proper utilisation of the funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Financial Assistance is given both by the Central and the State Governments to Voluntary Organisations for implementing approved schemes for promotion of Family Welfare Programme. The details of the assistance released to the Non-Governmental Organisations under different schemes during the last three years are given below:-

Financial Assistance

(Rs. in crores)

Scheme	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Involvement of Voluntary Organisations	4.62	7.60	9.49
USAID assisted PVCH-II	2.70	3.60	8.43
UNFPA assisted Scheme	1.08	1.28	1.17
Grants given to State Governments for Vol. Orgn.	3.76	4.00	6.55

(b) and (c). There is an inbuilt mechanism for concurrent monitoring of the progress before releasing second instalment and for accepting utilisation certificate, by the District/State authorities. In addition, evaluation of NGO projects is also got done through independent agencies/institutions. Physical verification through Regional Director or Central Team is undertaken in case of complaint against a particular NGO.